

## UPPER LIP STIFFENERS



'Mrs. Spencer-Gregson is arriving in ten minutes, sir.'

'This is grave news, Jeeves. A world without aunts would be a better world. Don't the Turks shove them in sacks and drop them in the Bosphorus?'

'Odalisques, sir, I understand. Not aunts.'

'Mind you, Jeeves, there are aunts and aunts. But Aunt Agatha is in a class of her own. She chews bottles, wears barbed wire next to the skin and kills rats with her teeth.'

'Indeed, sir'

'Yes, if you're fond of a quiet life, Jeeves, you simply curl into a ball when you see her coming and hope for the best. She has moral suasion down to a fine art.'

'That reminds me, sir. Your aunt informed me that she will be accompanied by her son Thomas. She wishes you to accommodate him for three days.'

'Young Thos! I would prefer not to touch him with the proverbial tenfoot pole, Jeeves; he is a youth totally unfit for human consumption even on the emptiest of stomachs. Doubtless Aunt Agatha wants him to be shunted round dentists and Old Vics and things before leaving for his school at Bramley-on-Sea.'

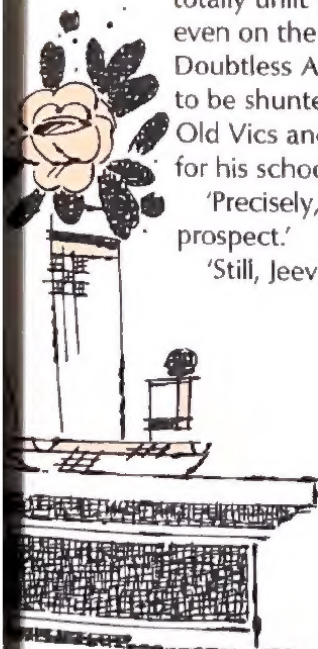
'Precisely, sir. It is not an inviting prospect.'

'Still, Jeeves, we must remember

that in this life it is not aunts that matter but the courage one brings to dealing with them.'

'A commendably stoic attitude, sir, but, if I may say so, one hard to sustain without refreshment of a special sort. I have prepared a Churchill for you.' I drank deep and ceased to quiver from brilliantine to shoesole.

'There goes the bell, Jeeves. Unleash these horrors. I feel strong and resolute. I shall not gratify the whims of this aunt.'





### BRANDY FIX

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1 measure brandy

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$\frac{1}{2}$  measure cherry brandy

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1 teaspoon of sugar

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Juice of one lemon

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Slice of lemon

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Dissolve sugar in a little water in an old-fashioned glass. Put in the other ingredients, top up with crushed ice. Add slice of lemon and stir. Serve with straws.

### BRANDY FLIP

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1 measure brandy

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1 whole egg

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1 teaspoon of sugar

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Grated nutmeg on top

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Shake well and strain into a wine glass. Top with grated nutmeg.

### BRANDY COCKTAIL

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$\frac{2}{3}$  brandy

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$\frac{1}{3}$  sweet vermouth

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Dash of angostura bitters

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Stir and strain into a cocktail glass.

### CHURCHILL

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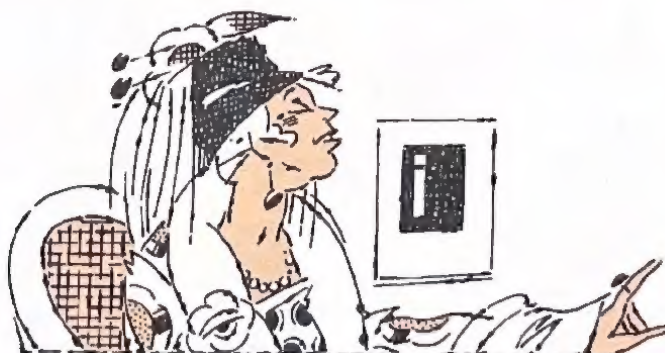
$\frac{1}{3}$  Calvados or Applejack

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$\frac{2}{3}$  yellow Chartreuse

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Shake well and strain into a cocktail glass.



### GLOOM CHASER

$\frac{1}{4}$  Grand Marnier

$\frac{1}{4}$  white curaçao

$\frac{1}{4}$  Grenadine

$\frac{1}{4}$  lemon juice

Shake and strain into a cocktail glass.



### GROG

1 measure dark rum

1 lump of sugar

2 cloves

Dash of lemon juice

Small stick of cinnamon

Boiling water to top up

Put in an old-fashioned glass and stir.



### HAMLET

$\frac{1}{3}$  Tuaca

$\frac{1}{3}$  white crème de menthe

$\frac{1}{3}$  cream

Shake well and strain into a wine glass.



### HANDLEBAR

1 measure Scotch

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure Drambuie

$\frac{1}{3}$  measure lime cordial

Shake and strain into a cocktail glass.



### IRISH COFFEE

1 measure Irish whiskey

Hot strong coffee

2 teaspoons Demarara sugar

Cream

Stir whiskey and sugar in a wine glass of hot coffee.  
Float cream on top by pouring over the back of a warm spoon.  
Do not stir.

### HOT TODDY

1 measure Scotch (rum, gin or any whisky)

1 teaspoon of sugar

2 cloves

1 slice of lemon

1 stick of cinnamon (optional)

Boiling water to top up

Put all ingredients in an old-fashioned glass, topping up with the hot water. Stir.



### HOT BUTTERED RUM

1 measure dark rum

1 lump of sugar

Slither of butter

4 cloves

Cinnamon stick (optional)

Boiling water to top up

Put all ingredients in an old-fashioned glass and stir.



### REBEL

$\frac{2}{3}$  bourbon

$\frac{1}{3}$  crème de menthe

Dash of Calvados or Applejack

Shake well and strain into a cocktail glass over ice.



### ROBIN HOOD

$\frac{2}{3}$  Scotch

$\frac{1}{3}$  Lillet

Stir well and strain into a cocktail glass.



### RUSTY NAIL

$\frac{1}{2}$  Drambuie

$\frac{2}{3}$  Scotch

Twist of lemon peel (optional)

Serve 'on the rocks' in an old-fashioned glass. Add lemon peel.

### SAZERAC

$\frac{3}{4}$  rye

$\frac{1}{4}$  sugar syrup

Dash of angostura bitters

Dash of pastis

Twist of lemon peel

Stir and strain into a cocktail glass.

### SIDECAR

$\frac{1}{2}$  brandy

$\frac{1}{4}$  Cointreau

$\frac{1}{4}$  lemon juice

Shake and strain into a cocktail glass.

### TODDY

1 measure Scotch (rum, gin, or any whisky)

1 teaspoon of sugar

Dissolve sugar in a little water in an old-fashioned glass  
Add spirit and ice and stir.







## GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

'A perfect day, Jeeves. What's that thing of yours about larks?'

'Sir?'

'And, I rather think, snails.'

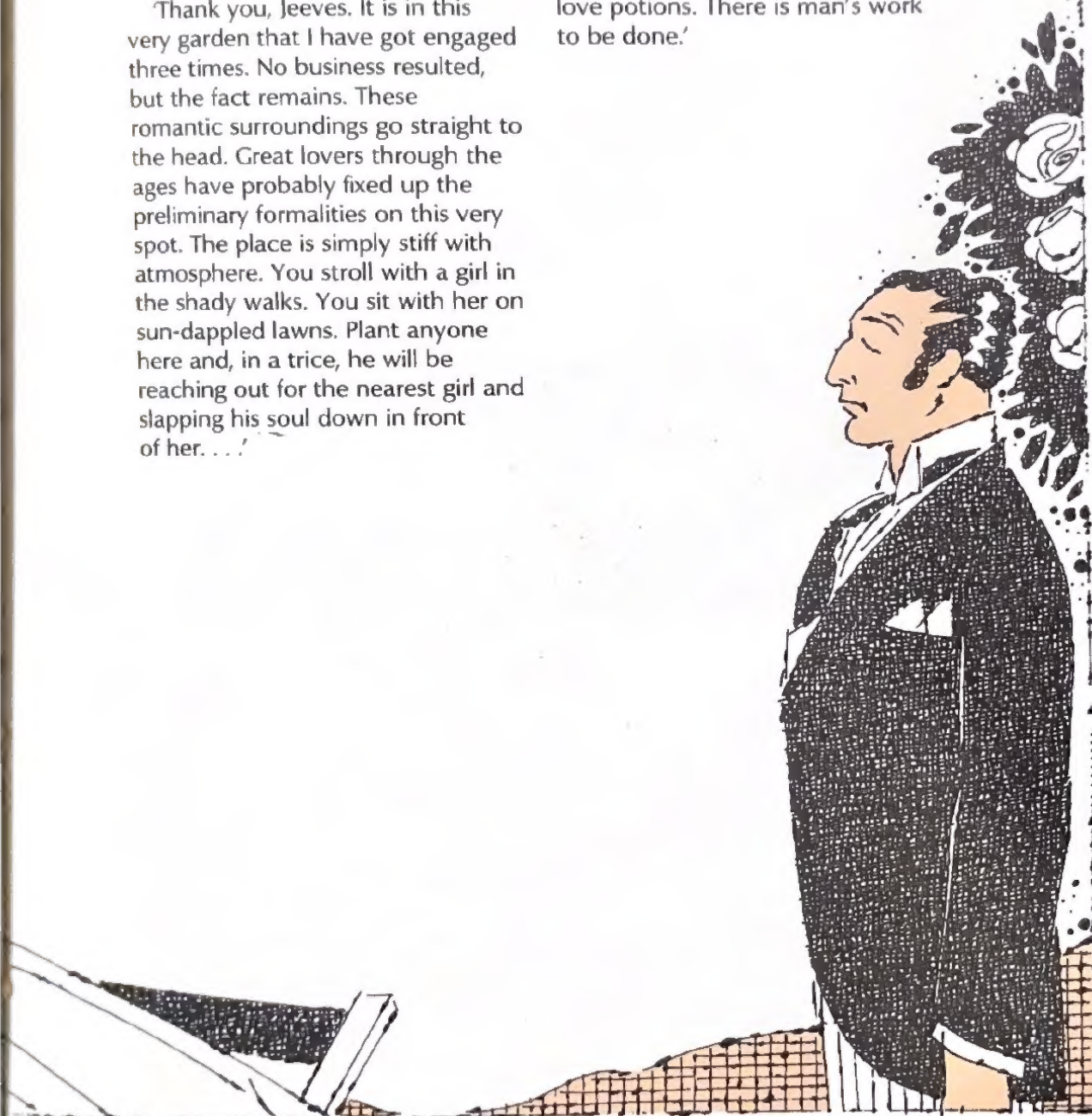
"The lark's on the wing, the snail's on the thorn. . ."

'That's it. And the punchline?'

"God's in his heaven—  
All's right with the world."

Thank you, Jeeves. It is in this very garden that I have got engaged three times. No business resulted, but the fact remains. These romantic surroundings go straight to the head. Great lovers through the ages have probably fixed up the preliminary formalities on this very spot. The place is simply stiff with atmosphere. You stroll with a girl in the shady walks. You sit with her on sun-dappled lawns. Plant anyone here and, in a trice, he will be reaching out for the nearest girl and slapping his soul down in front of her. . . .

Jeeves gave one of his admonitory coughs, and I turned to see a girl more like Clara Bow than anything human. My soul was instantly prostrate at her feet. Meanwhile my empty frame, abandoned in a deckchair, whispered urgent instructions in the right quarter. 'Jeeves, mix a brace of love potions. There is man's work to be done.'





### APPLE COCKTAIL

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1 oz sweet cider

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$\frac{1}{2}$  oz dry gin

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$\frac{1}{2}$  oz brandy

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1 oz Calvados or Applejack

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Shake well and strain into a cocktail glass.



### AUTUMN GOLD

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1 measure mandarine liqueur

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Vintage cider to top up

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Mint leaf, slice of orange, cherry to decorate

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Put cracked ice in a highball glass. Add mandarine liqueur and top up with the cider. Decorate with mint leaf and fruit.



### BUCK'S FIZZ

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Iced champagne

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Juice of one orange

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Put orange juice in a wine glass and fill it with champagne.



### CHOCOLATE COCKTAIL

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1 measure vodka

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1 measure white crème de menthe

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1 scoop chocolate ice cream

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Blend well and serve in a highball glass.

### COBBLER

1 measure gin (rum, brandy or whisky)

4 dashes orange curaçao

1 teaspoon of sugar

Fruit to decorate

Sprig of mint (optional)

Serve on the rocks in a wine glass, stir and decorate with fruit.  
Serve with straws.



### CUBA LIBRE

1 measure white rum

Juice and rind of half a lime (or lemon)

Coca Cola

Extract juice from lime (lemon) and put both rind and juice in a highball glass with the rum and ice. Top up with Coca Cola and stir. Serve with straws.



### FRENCH '75

1 measure gin

$\frac{1}{4}$  measure fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon sugar syrup

Few dashes of egg white

Champagne to top up

Shake well. Strain into a champagne glass and float the champagne on top. Can also be made in large quantities in a punch bowl.



### GUISEPPE'S SPECIAL

2 measures apricot brandy

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure orange juice

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure pineapple juice

1 scoop of pistachio ice cream

Blend and serve in a highball glass.



### MOSCOW MULE

1 measure vodka

Ginger beer to top up

Juice of one lemon (or lime)

Sprigs of mint to decorate

Put ingredients in a highball glass with ice.  
Decorate with mint and serve with straws.

### PALM COURT DELIGHT

$\frac{2}{3}$  ice-cold champagne

$\frac{1}{3}$  fresh orange juice

Grand Marnier

Put champagne and orange juice in a champagne glass.  
Add few dashes of Grand Marnier and stir.

### PIMM'S

1 measure Pimm's

Lemonade to top up

Slice of lemon

Slither of cucumber

Mint leaves

Pour over ice in a highball glass.  
Decorate with lemon, cucumber and mint.

### PINA COLADA

$2\frac{1}{2}$  oz pineapple juice

$1\frac{1}{2}$  oz Bacardi rum

1 oz cream of coconut

Dash of Cointreau

Half a cup of crushed ice

Blend all ingredients together for 2-3 minutes and serve  
unstrained in a highball glass.



### PINEAPPLE RUMRUNNER

1 large pineapple

1 measure Bacardi rum

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure apricot brandy

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure fresh pineapple juice

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure orange juice

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure lemon juice

$\frac{1}{4}$  measure Grenadine

Fruit to garnish pineapple e.g. cherries, pineapple chunks, orange slices. Cut the top off the pineapple and scoop out the flesh. Put pineapple flesh and other cocktail ingredients into a blender with crushed ice. Return blended cocktail to the hollow pineapple and cut small hole in the 'lid' so that the drink can be sucked out by straw. Garnish a face on the pineapple using any suitable fruit.

### PLANTERS PUNCH

1 measure dark rum

1 teaspoon of Grenadine

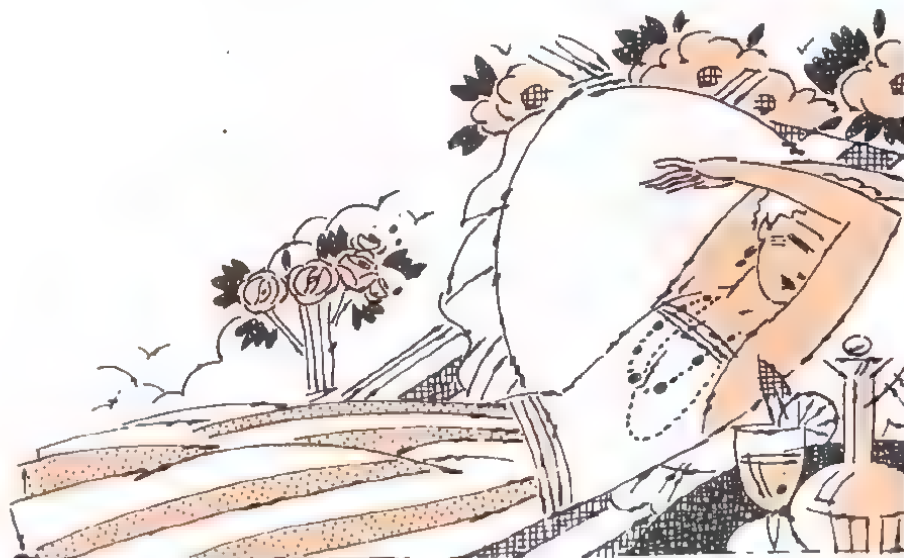
Dash of angostura bitters

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure fresh lime (or lemon) juice

Soda water to top up

Slices of orange and lemon to decorate

Fill a highball glass with crushed ice. Put ingredients in glass and stir. Decorate with orange and lemon and serve with straws.





## SANGRIA

3 pints red burgundy

1 bottle champagne or soda water

2 measures brandy

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure Cointreau

Juice of one lemon

Assorted fruit—one sliced orange and lemon

Bananas, apples and grapes (without skin or pips)

Let mixture stand for two or three hours to allow flavours of the fruits to be thoroughly absorbed. Serve well iced.

## SNAPDRAGON

2 measures vodka

1 measure crème de menthe

Soda water to top up

Pour into highball glass over ice and top up with soda water. Stir.

## SNOWBALL

1 measure advocaat

Dash of lime cordial

Lemonade to top up

Slice of orange

Maraschino cherry

Serve in highball glass over ice, top up with lemonade and decorate with fruit. Serve with straws.

## SOUTH SIDE

1 measure vodka

Juice of one lemon

1 teaspoon of sugar

Fresh mint leaves to decorate

Shake well and strain into a champagne glass over cracked ice. Decorate with mint. Serve with straws.



### SUNRISE

2 parts tequila

1 part Galliano

1 part crème de banane

1 part cream

Few drops of Grenadine

Dash of lemon juice

Shake and strain into a cocktail glass.

### TEQUILA SUNRISE

1 part tequila

4 parts fresh orange juice

Few dashes of Grenadine

Serve tequila and orange juice 'on the rocks' in a highball glass and float the Grenadine on the top so that the drink is given a streaky effect.

### WRANGLER

1 measure vodka

Dash of Benedictine

2 measures apple juice

Juice of half an orange

Dash of egg white

Shake and strain into a champagne glass.

### YELLOW LILY

$\frac{1}{2}$  Bacardi rum

$\frac{1}{4}$  amaretto

$\frac{1}{4}$  fresh orange juice

Shake and strain into a cocktail glass.





## WING DING RAN DAN

'Ever tried tossing a card into a hat, Jeeves?'

'No sir. But I am aware of the diversion.'

'Well, this morning, the Drones team of card-throwers took on the Lizard's Club and bally well lost.'

'I trust this sporting failure has not occasioned any marked distress among the members, sir?'

'You trust in vain, Jeeves. The club's repute is in tatters. Fortunes have changed hands. Standing room only for aching hearts.'

'Luncheon in no way restored the young gentlemen's spirits, sir?'

'No Jeeves. Effervescence was conspicuous by its ab. The whole thing was more like Christmas dinner on Devil's Island.'

'May I put forward a proposition, sir?'

'Propose away, Jeeves.'

'The poet Housman, sir, says "He that drinks in season, shall live before he dies."'

'Are you suggesting a spree or binge by way of consolation?'

'Yes, sir.'

'So that our troubles may vanish like dew on the what's-it? You have delivered the goods, Jeeves.'

Summon the finest and fairest in the land to the Wooster home this very night. Let the bowl flow with Rum Punch, Royal Silver and Sherry Sangaree. . .'

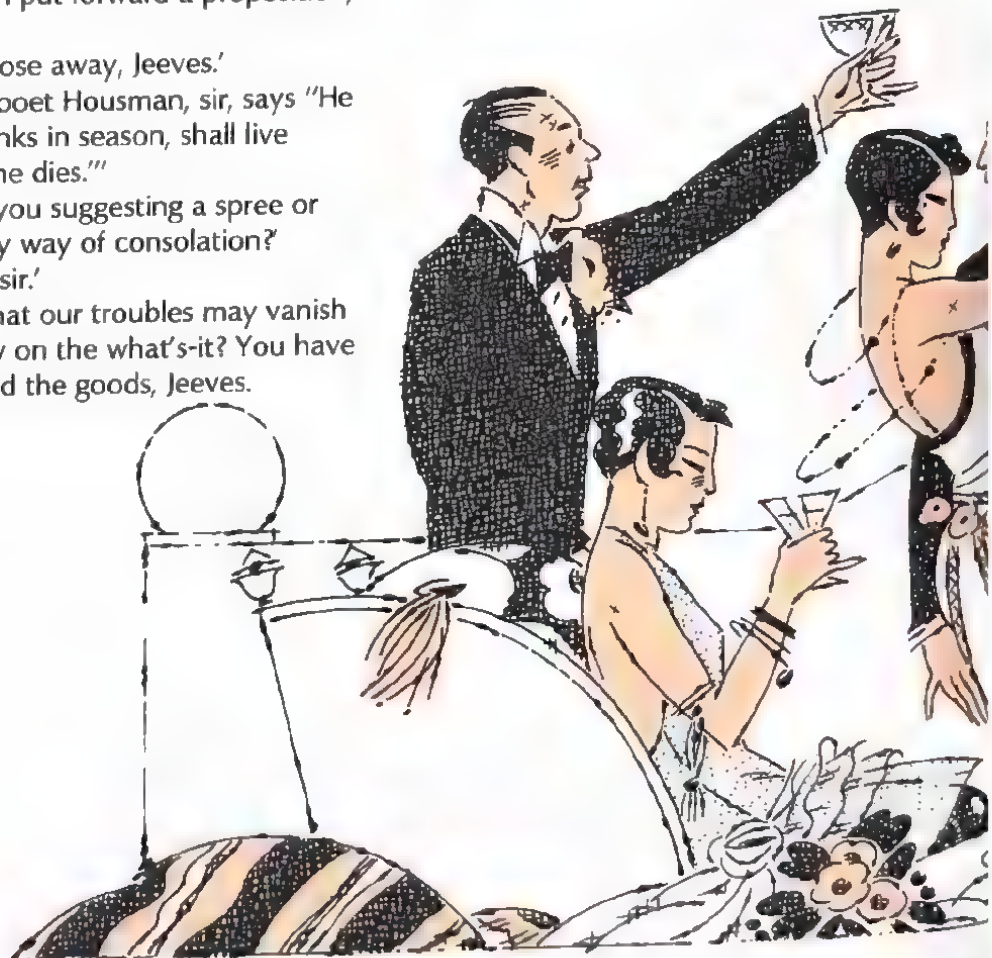
'With pleasure, sir, but may I suggest not all at the same time? The mélange might not be entirely satisfactory.'

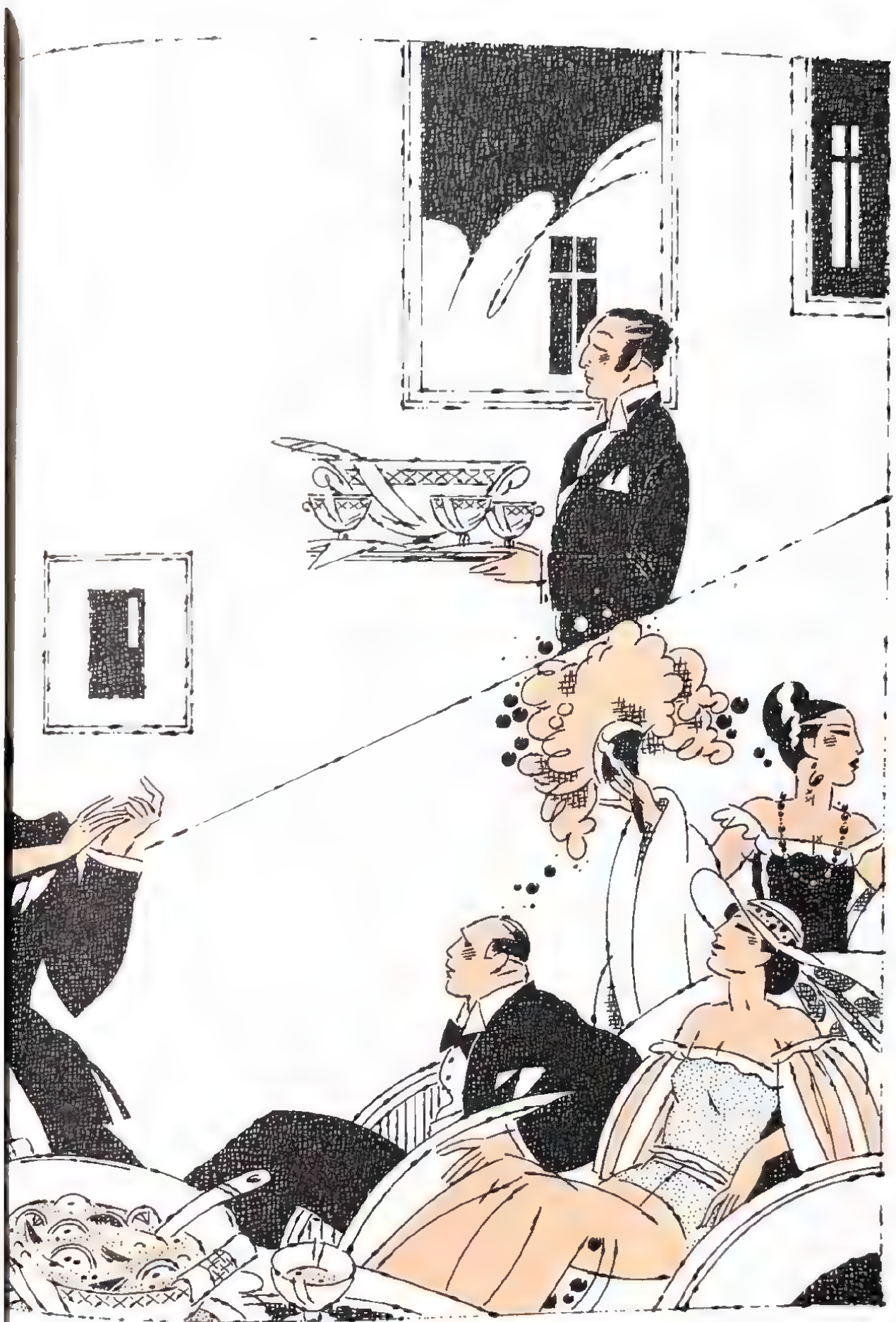
'Your attention to detail, Jeeves, is untiring. What did the fellow say about those fellows beating it up on a boat?'

"Youth on the prow, and Pleasure at the helm . . ."

'These poets put their fingers on the nub, Jeeves, what?'

'So I have always been disposed to believe, sir.'







### MRS. BURCH'S EGG NOGG

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1 quart bourbon

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13 eggs

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13 tablespoons of sugar

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1 quart whipping cream

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Beat yolk of eggs with sugar until white. Add whisky very, very slowly, stirring constantly. Let mixture set overnight or for several hours as the bourbon 'cooks' the eggs and it will not separate later. When ready to serve, whip the cream and beat egg whites.

Add cream slowly to mixture and fold in the egg whites. This makes about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a gallon. Serve with spoons.

### FISH HOUSE PUNCH

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$\frac{1}{4}$  pint peach brandy

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$\frac{1}{4}$  pint dark rum

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$\frac{1}{2}$  pint brandy

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1 cup of sugar

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Juice of 6 lemons

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3 pints sparkling mineral water

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Stir mixture thoroughly and pour into a punch bowl over ice.  
Makes about 14 cups.

### HOT CIDER PUNCH

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2 pints sweet cider

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$\frac{1}{4}$  pint water

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4 tablespoons of sugar

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4 cloves

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1 large orange

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1 teaspoon of allspice

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$\frac{1}{2}$ –1 teaspoon of powdered ginger

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Grated nutmeg

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Press cloves into the orange and bake it in a moderate oven to bring out the flavour. Pare rinds from the lemons and simmer in water for about 10 minutes. Strain and add sugar to the liquid. Return to the pan with the lemon juice, spices and cider. Bring mixture to the boil. Slice the baked orange into a punch bowl and pour the boiling cider mixture over it. Top with grated nutmeg.  
Makes about 8 cups.

### MULLED ALE

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2 pints ale

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1 measure rum or brandy

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1 tablespoon of sugar

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Pinch of ground cloves

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Pinch of powdered ginger

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Heat all the ingredients together in a pan.  
Serve in a warm punch bowl. Makes about 8 cups.



### MULLED WINE

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1 bottle red wine

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1 wine glass of port

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$\frac{1}{4}$  pint of water

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1 tablespoon of sugar

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Thinly sliced rind of half a lemon and/or a stick of cinnamon

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12 whole cloves

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Pinch of grated nutmeg

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Put spices in the water and simmer in a pan for half an hour.  
Strain through a sieve and pour the wine into the pan, adding the  
spiced water to this. Add port and sugar and bring mixture to the  
boil. Serve very hot with thin slices of lemon peel and/or the  
cinnamon stick. Makes about 8 glasses.

### NEGUS

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1 bottle sherry

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1 quart boiling water

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1 lemon

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1 measure brandy

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Nutmeg

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Sugar

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Warm sherry very gently in a saucepan, add sliced lemon and  
pour in boiling water. Add a little nutmeg and sugar to taste and  
finally the brandy. Makes about 12 glasses.



### ROYAL SILVER

$\frac{1}{2}$  fresh grapefruit juice

$\frac{1}{4}$  eau de vie de poire William

$\frac{1}{4}$  Cointreau

Champagne to top up

Sugar

Moisten rim of a champagne glass and dip it in the sugar. Shake and strain cocktail into the glass and top up with champagne.

### RUM PUNCH

1 bottle rum

1 bottle brandy

Juice of 9 lemons

12 teaspoons powdered sugar

Soda water to taste

Fruit to decorate

Place ingredients in a punch bowl with a block of ice and decorate with slices of fruit in season. Keep stirring. Makes about 12 cups.

### SHERRY SANGAREE

1 measure sherry (or port)

1 teaspoon of sugar

Slice of lemon

Grated nutmeg

Fill an old-fashioned glass with crushed ice, add ingredients and top with the nutmeg. Stir and serve with straws.



### SYLLABUB

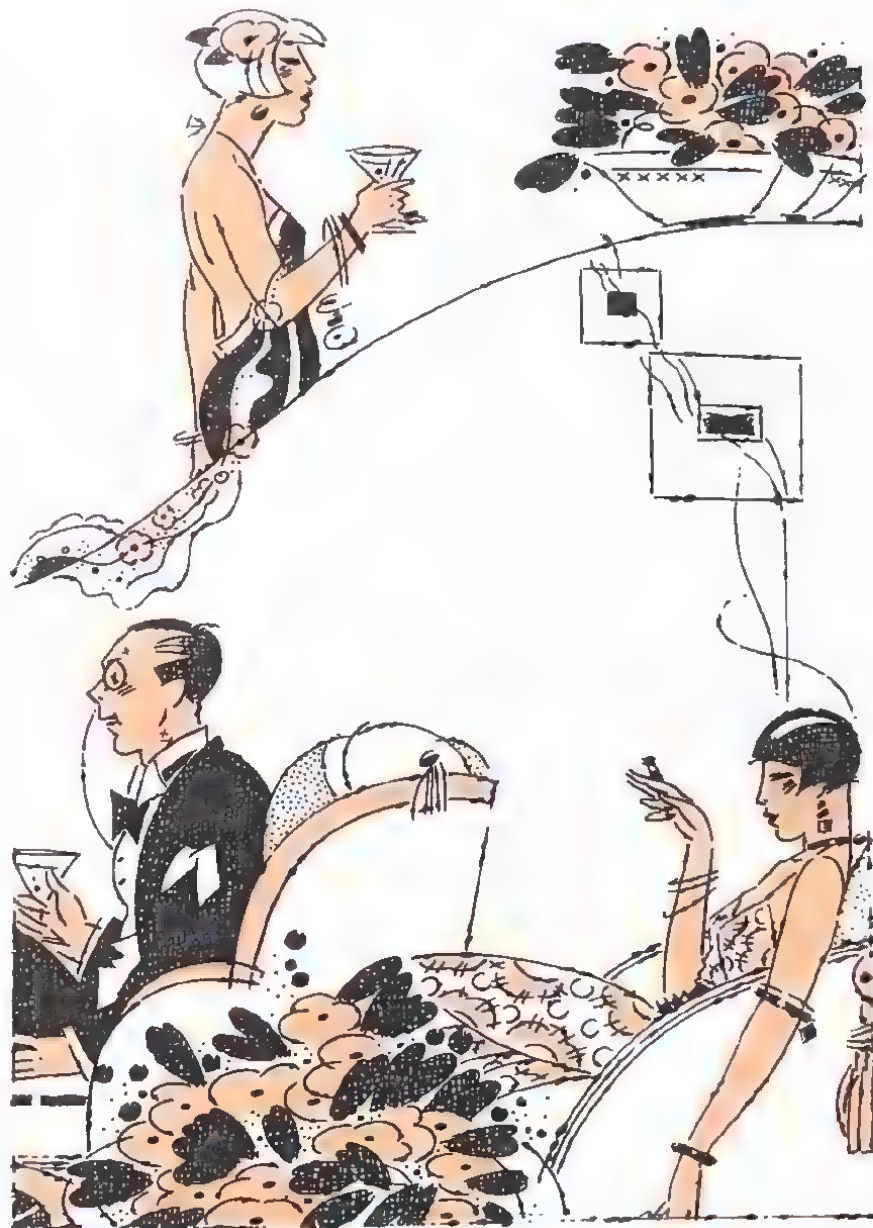
1 measure sweet sherry

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure whipping cream

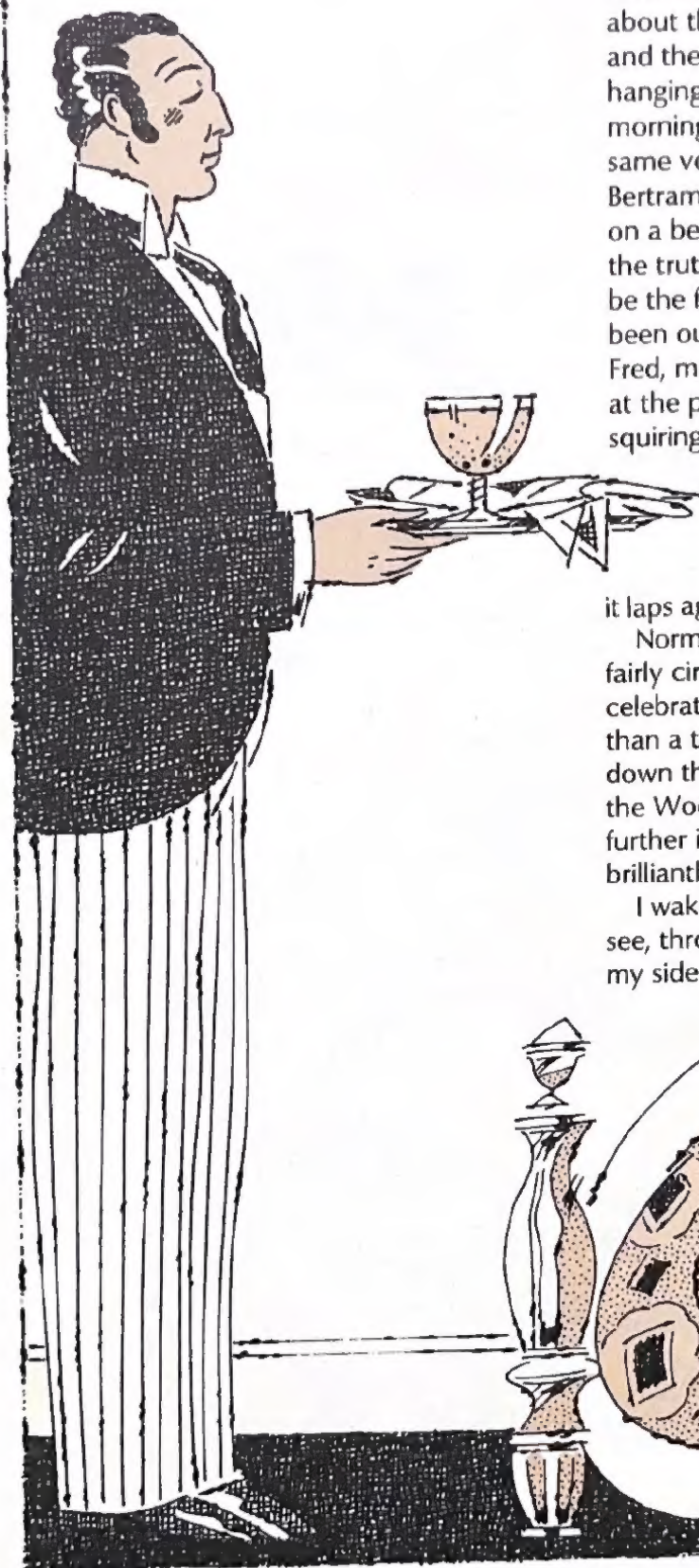
$\frac{1}{2}$  measure milk

1 teaspoon fine sugar

Beat all ingredients together and serve in a champagne glass.  
To be eaten with a teaspoon.



## CORPSE REVIVERS



In my end is my beginning as the fellow said. I began by telling you about those pick-me-ups of Jeeves and their effect on a fellow who is hanging on to life by a thread the morning after; and I conclude in the same vein. It has been well said of Bertram Wooster that if he has been on a bender he will not palter with the truth the morning after. He will be the first to admit that he has been out on the tiles; outstepping Fred, most nimble of all the Astaires, at the place of the moment; squiring girls with oomph and all the fixings. And, it has to be added, mopping the stuff up like a vacuum-cleaner until it laps against the tonsils.

Normally the Wooster ration is fairly circumspect but, when celebrating or under stress, more than a touch more finds its way down the hatch and, once back at the Wooster residence, I often further illuminate an already brilliantly lit interior.

I wake, ganglions vibrating, and see, through a heavy mist, Jeeves at my side all set to ease the young





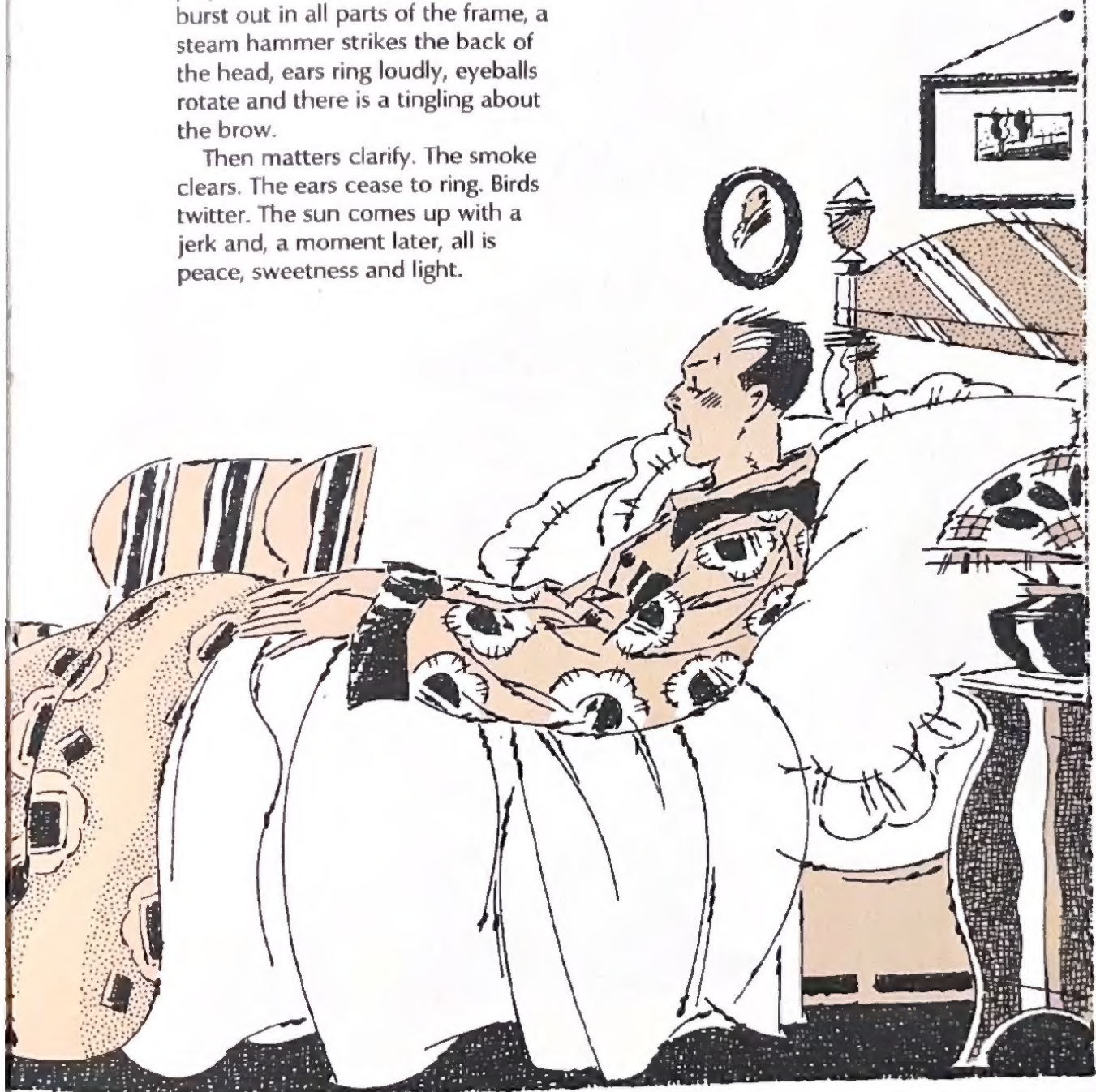
master back into mid-season form.

'The vital essence, Jeeves?'

'You are kind enough to describe it as such, sir.'

I then swallow and, for perhaps part of a split second, nothing happens. It is as though all nature waits breathless. Then, suddenly, it is as if the Last Trump had been played on Judgement Day. Bonfires burst out in all parts of the frame, a steam hammer strikes the back of the head, ears ring loudly, eyeballs rotate and there is a tingling about the brow.

Then matters clarify. The smoke clears. The ears cease to ring. Birds twitter. The sun comes up with a jerk and, a moment later, all is peace, sweetness and light.



### BLACK VELVET

$\frac{1}{2}$  chilled Guinness

$\frac{1}{2}$  chilled dry champagne

Serve in a beer mug or tankard without ice.

### BLOODY MARY

1 measure vodka

Tomato juice to top up

Few dashes Worcester sauce

A little lemon juice

Salt and pepper

Dash of Tabasco

Put vodka in a highball or old-fashioned glass over ice. Add Worcester sauce, tabasco, lemon juice and seasoning and top up with tomato juice. Stir. (This drink can also be shaken and strained)

### BULL SHOT

1 measure vodka

2 measures consommé or beef bouillon

Dash of Worcestershire sauce

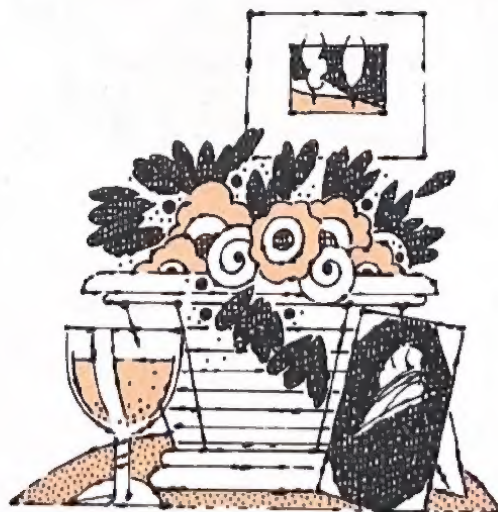
Dash of lemon juice

Dash of celery salt

Dash of cayenne pepper

Dash of Tabasco

Shake and strain into an old-fashioned glass.





### CAIPIRINHA

2 measures vodka or white rum

1 whole lime, quartered

Sugar

Crushed ice

Put quartered lime in an old-fashioned glass and add enough sugar to thoroughly coat the fruit. Mash lime and sugar together with a spoon and add vodka and crushed ice.



### CORPSE REVIVER

$\frac{1}{3}$  sweet vermouth

$\frac{1}{3}$  Calvados

$\frac{1}{3}$  brandy

Stir and strain into a cocktail glass.



### HAIR OF THE DOG

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure Scotch

1 measure thick cream

$\frac{1}{2}$  measure honey

Shake well with shaved ice and strain into a cocktail glass.



### HARRY'S PICK ME UP

1 measure brandy

1 teaspoon of Grenadine

Juice of half a lemon

Champagne to top up

Shake well and strain into a wine glass. Top up with champagne.